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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SMITH, MARY

Examiner

Mark T Henderson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 26-31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 and 32-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

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1. Claims 1, 22, 34 and 35 have been amended for further examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-9, 11-13, 16-18, 22, 23, 25-34 and 36 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C.

103(a) as being unpatentable over Wyant (5,823,573) in view of Dick.

Wyant discloses in Fig. 1, a book (not shown) having a pocket insert comprising: a base sheet (22) made of paper material having a binding edge (14), wherein the base sheet has a planar first surface (A1), a planar second surface (A2), a width defined by a first and second edge (14), and a length defined by a third and fourth edge; a pocket sheet (11) having a planar inner surface (11A), a planar outer surface (11B), a perimeter defined by a first attached edge section (11C) and a second free edge section (11D), wherein at least a portion of the attached edge section (11C) is bonded by any suitable means to the base sheet and the free edge section (11C) being unattached to the base sheet to form a pocket opening (B1), a third and fourth pocket edges defining the pocket sheet length; and wherein the pocket sheet has a width smaller than a width of the base sheet; and wherein the base sheet and the pocket are arranged such that the pocket faces and extends parallel to the binding; wherein the base sheet and pocket sheet are formed of a single section of paper material and folded along a fold line (15).

However, Wyant does not disclose: a pocket sheet perimeter defined by an attached edge section on the inner surface, wherein the section is attached through bonding, fusion or glueing to

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the first surface along a plurality of seams; and wherein the pocket has a width at least 60 percent of the width of the base sheet; wherein the pocket sheet and base sheet are separate sheets; wherein the base sheet and pocket sheet are adhered along respective edges; wherein the base sheet and pocket sheet are formed of a rectangular sheet having particular sizes; and a front and back cover, wherein the pocket inserts are bound between the covers, and further wherein the pocket retain supplemental media.

Dick discloses in Fig. 1-4, a pocket insert comprising a pocket sheet perimeter defined by an attached edge section on the inner surface by through any securing means along a plurality of seams (5), wherein the pocket sheet and base sheet are separate sheets (seen in Fig. 2); and wherein a front and back cover are used to bind the inserts together, and wherein the pockets are used to retain supplemental media (8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Wyant's pocket insert to include a separate pocket sheet attached to a base sheet to form a pocket insert, wherein the sheets are attached by any securing means and wherein the inserts retain supplemental media and are bound between two covers as taught by Dick for the purpose of providing a more secured pocket.

In regards to **Claims 4, 16-18, , 25, 32, 33**, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to construct the pocket sheet and base in any desirable dimensions (length, width, and thickness), since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of a

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component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Rose*, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955).

3. Claims 10, 14, 15, 19-21, and 24 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wyant in view of Dick and further in view of Ruebens (4,965,948).

Wyant as modified by Dick discloses a pocket insert comprising all the elements as claimed in Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 13, 22, and 23, and as set forth above. However, Wyant and Dick do not disclose wherein the pocket sheet and base sheet are further adhered to one another along a strip so as to separate into two pockets;.

Reubens discloses in Fig. 1, 3-6, a pocket sheet (22) that is adhered to a base sheet (20) along a strip (26) which separates the pocket sheet into two pockets.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Wyant and Dick's pocket insert to include an adhesive strip as taught by Reubens for the purpose of define a plurality of pockets to hold numerous articles.

4. Claim 35 is finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michlin (5,141,252).

Michlin discloses in Fig. 1-3, a pocket insert capable of passing through a printer (Col. 3, lines 15-18) comprising a base sheet (16) with a thickness and a binding edge (folded area located at binding staple, 12) a pocket sheet (17) having the same thickness as that of the base sheet (Col.

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2, lines 40-46), an adhesive or securing means between the base sheet and the pocket sheet to form a pocket with an opening (C) facing the binding edge.

However, Michlin does not disclose wherein the pocket insert has a maximum thickness equal to a combined of the single thickness, the single sheet thickness and the adhesive.

It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to construct the pocket insert to have any desirable thickness, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of a component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Rose*, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955).

Prior Art References

The prior art references listed in the attached PTO-892, but not used in a rejection of the claims, are cited for (their/its) structure. Friedman ('287), Baumann et al, Ho, Manico et al, Chang, Erickson, Arimoto et al, Beer, and Shea disclose a pocket insert.

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Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-25 and 32-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (703)305-0189. The examiner can be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner supervisor, A. L. Wellington, can be reached on (703) 308-2159. The fax number for TC 3700 is (703)-872-9302. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 3700 receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148.

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